

## USFS – Eldorado National Forest

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

*For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding.* Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended on project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

### General Evaluation Criteria

- #1a-c – Applicant must verify that the information provided is the most recent available.
- #2 – #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #7b – Narrative does not support selection. It is not clear that a majority of the OHV areas are being patrolled on a daily basis.
- #7c – Narrative does not support the selection. "Education programs, maps". Applicant must verify that the maps address OHV trespass and respect for private property.
- #9b – Narrative does not support methods to address soil issues.
- #13 – Applicant must verify response by final submission.

Ground Operations – ENF	G17-02-03-G01
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant must clarify if all roads included in this Project allow “green-sticker” OHVs.</li> <li>• C. El Dorado County CAO has also applied for a Ground Operations grant. Applicant needs to provide how they will ensure there is no duplication of services.</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – “District OHV Techs GS-5” and “GIS Specialist”, Applicant must provide more details for duties to be performed for each position.</li> <li>• Staff – “Forest Road Crew”, Applicant must provide more details for how the cost was determined.</li> <li>• Contracts – Line items #2 through #4, Applicant must provide more details for how costs were determined including service frequency and at which locations. Also, Applicant must explain the source of match.</li> <li>• Contract – “Intern Agreement” – Applicant must provide more details for how the cost was determined, duties to be performed at which location(s), and explain the source of match. Note that a paid contractor cannot provide in-kind match.</li> <li>• Materials/Supplies – “Wag bags”, Applicant must clarify the quantity per package.</li> <li>• Materials/Supplies - “Hand tools”, Applicant must provide examples of proposed purchases and explain their use in the Project.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses “Maintenance-ATV/MC/Tractors”, Applicant must list the vehicles.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – “Dump truck/Backhoe – Barrier Rocks” – There are several clarifications needed in this line item: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applicant must clarify if personnel time is part of a contractual agreement with an outside entity or part of Forest staff. If the entire line is a contractual agreement, then it should be moved to the Contracts Cost Category. If it is forest staff, then the line item should be split by moving the staff time to the Staff Cost Category.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Equipment Use – “Equipment Rental” – Applicant must provide more details about how the costs were determined including the type of equipment, how many of each, and their use in the Project.</li> <li>• Others – “Overtime” #2 and #3 – Applicant must provide more explanation on what staff is expected to work overtime and for what purpose.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #5 –Applicant must list each partner separately and explain how each partner will participate in this Project.</li> </ul>	

- #6 – Narrative does not support “Protecting Water Quality,” or “Providing an alternative to wet crossings...”. Applicant must provide additional details/examples explaining how selections would be accomplished. Note the “Providing alternative to wet crossing...” selection is for items being created vs. maintained.

Restoration – Forest – Wide Restoration	G17-02-03-R01
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A- Applicant must provide name/number of route for 13 routes in Georgetown Ranger District to eliminate duplicative services with Center for Sierra Nevada Conservancy.</li> <li>• A- Applicant must verify that areas the restoration will be completed in will not be covered by the Center for Sierra Nevada Conservancy Restoration project.</li> <li>• D- Division will only fund 3 years of monitoring.</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract- Generation Green Crew- Applicant must provide a brief description of this line item and how it relates to the Project Deliverables.</li> <li>• Contracts- Barrier Rock- Applicant must clarify how cost was determined. Cost seems excessive.</li> <li>• Contracts- Gates- Applicant must clarify how cost was determined. Cost seems excessive.</li> <li>• Contract- Interpretive Signs- Applicant must clarify how cost was determined. Cost seems excessive. Applicant must clarify that these signs are not duplicative of signs being installed by Center for Sierra Nevada Conservancy.</li> <li>• Materials and Supplies- Fencing Materials- Applicant must provide a brief description of this line item and how it relates to the Project Deliverables.</li> <li>• Materials and Supplies- Hand Tools- Applicant must provide a brief description of this line item and how it relates to the Project Deliverables.</li> <li>• Materials and Supplies- Aggregate Road Base- Applicant must further explain how this is related to the Project deliverables.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #2- Narrative does not support selections. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation of the type and severity of impacts that might occur. Applicant must also define all acronyms.</li> <li>• #4- Narrative does not support “site monitoring” and “Use of BMPs”. Applicant must further define how this will be used to ensure success in this Project.</li> <li>• #7- Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must supply the location of the meeting or how the meeting was noticed.</li> </ul>	

Restoration – Habitat Use and Movement of the CA red-legged frog in the Rock Creek OHV Area	G17-02-03-R02
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A- Project Description seems to be a scientific study and not a cultural study. Applicant must clarify which type of study is being completed.</li> <li>• D- Applicant must clarify which Activities will be completed in the timeframe listed. How long will monitoring continue.</li> <li>• F- Applicant must clarify who holds the permit for handling of a threatened species.</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff- All line items- Applicant must provide a brief description of the job duties for each line item and how it relates to the Project Deliverables.</li> <li>• Materials and Supplies- All line items- Applicant must provide a brief description of each line item and how it relates to the Project Deliverables.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses- All line items- Applicant must provide a brief description of how each line item relates to the Project Deliverables and how cost was determined.</li> <li>• Others- All line items- Applicant must provide a brief description of how each line item relates to the Project Deliverables and how cost was determined. Applicant must also identify the vehicle identification number.</li> <li>• Others- Housing- Ace- item should be included in the contract for the ACE intern. Item should be removed and cost adjusted accordingly.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #4- Narrative does not support selections as application is for a study.</li> <li>• #6- Narrative does not support selection. Applicant must provide further information on how the forest service budget will cover future costs.</li> <li>• #7- Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must supply the location of the meeting.</li> <li>• #8- Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must define acronym for USFWS and describe how other partners will participate in this Project. Landowners are not a valid partner.</li> <li>• #12- Project does not support the selection as this is study.</li> </ul>	